[10th August 1929

Irrigation

Improvements to the supply channel to Anamasamudram tank.

320 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that attempts were made some years back to improve the supply channel to the Anamasamudram tank in Nellore district, and that several thousands were spent on that;

(b) if so, what amount was spent and how many years back;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work is still incomplete; and

(d) whether the Government have given up the idea of completing it; and if not, when they propose to take up the work again?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) About Rs. 6,300 in 1913–14 and 1914–15 under 'Capital outlay,' and about Rs. 3,000 under 'Repairs' in 1914–15 and 1915–16.

(c) & (d) So far as the Government are aware, the works referred to above have been completed. The Government are however calling for a report whether any further improvements to the supply channel are under consideration by the local officers.

Local Boards

Impounding of stray cattle in district roads.

321 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that cattle (buffaloes, goats and pigs) that stray in district roads are a source of danger to motor-cars and buses; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to impound such animals as are found straying on district roads?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Necessary provision already exists in section 11 of the Cattle Trespass Act (India), 1871. No further action is called for.

[For further unstarred question please see page 516 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Stationery.

Typewriting machines used in Government offices.

*322 Q.—Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) which of the following types of typewriting machines are now in use (Remington, Underwood, Royal and Woodstock)

(1) in each of the Secretariat Departments;

(2) in other Government offices in the Madras City;

(3) in the mufassal offices, and the number now in use in each of the Secretariat offices, in the office of the Board of Revenue, and in each of the other Government offices in the City;

(b) the principle observed in the distribution of the Government patronage in this respect;

(c) the number indented by the Superintendent of Stationery in each type of typewriters from the supplying firms (Agents) in Madras during each of the last three years;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to issue orders for the even distribution of patronage to these types of machines, the only criterion being the quality of the machine and durability;

(*e*) what is the price of each type of machine supplied by the firms for the use of Government offices; and

(*f*) which of these types of machines are found to require frequent repairs?

A.—(*a*) All these typewriters are used in Government offices in the city and in the mufassal.

Particulars of the typewriters supplied to each of the Government offices are not available.

(*b*) The machines are purchased with regard to efficiency and economy.

(*c*) A statement is furnished.[a]

(*d*) No.

(*e*) It would not be in the public interest to give this information.

(*f*) None.

Forests

Reorganization of the Forest Department.

* 323 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a questionnaire was issued by the Government to the Chief Conservator of Forests on the question of forest policy and administration;

(*b*) whether it was issued to any other person or persons;

(*c*) whether the answers have been received;

(*d*) what the questionnaire was and what the replies are; and

(*e*) what action the Government propose to take?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A questionnaire on the work and organization of the Forest department was issued to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The replies received from him are now under consideration. The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 189 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

Jails

Manufacture of yarn required for jail purposes in jails.

* 324 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received the report he has called for from the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding the possibility of making all the yarn required for jail purposes in the jails;

(*b*) if it has been received, what it is; and

(*c*) what action he has taken or proposes to take in the matter?

a Printed as Appendix XVI on page 603 infra.